

Pullman House (Embassy of the Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics)
1119-1125 16th Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Pullman House			HABS NO. DC-270 269
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Embassy of the United Soviet Socialist Republics			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1119-1125 16th Street, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1909-1911		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Nathan C. Wyeth	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Excellent example of the Beaux Arts influence. Originally built as a residence for Mrs. George Pullman, wife of the sleeping car magnate, the house was sold in 1913 to Russia. The building remained vacant from 1920 until U.S. recognition of the Soviet government in 1933.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Beaux Arts			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick and stone			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 3-bay front; 3½ stories; steep mansard roof; chancery wing to the south			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Segmentally-arched dormers; balustrade at eaves; rusticated ground floor; 2nd story windows with pediments; decorative tympanums; 3rd story windows with small iron balconies			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Elaborate interiors, with much decorative iron, plaster and wood work.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Remodeled slightly in 1933, architect Eugene Schoen. Chancery wing enlarged 1977.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Presently continues in use as the Soviet embassy.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> The Commission of Fine Arts. <u>Sixteenth Street Architecture.</u> 1978.			
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ADDENDUM TO
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